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# Proclamation

We, the Hunt County Commissioners Court, do hereby remember  
Ted Smith

By Becky Landrum  
County Clerk, Hunt County, Tex.

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, July 28, 1908, over a thousand Hunt County residents gathered in the Greenville town square to witness the lynching of 18-year-old African American Ted Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Smith was robbed of his due process, a mob kidnapped him from law enforcement custody and burned him alive in a public spectacle lynching; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2023, a soil collection was gathered, commemorating the burning of Ted Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 28, 2023, a Memorial Ceremony will be held in Judge Andy Bench's 196<sup>th</sup> District Courtroom to remember Ted Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, a coalition of The Corporation for Cultural Diversity for Greenville Texas, Inc., Greenville Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and the Greenville Chapter 6181-B of the NAACP will sponsor the ceremony; and

**WHEREAS**, a collection of this soil gathered will be sent for display to the Equal Justice Initiative National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equal Justice Initiative has documented 338 African Americans who succumbed to racial terror in Texas during this time; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on behalf of the Hunt County Commissioners Court, we hereby recognize July 28, 2023, as a day of remembrance for Ted Smith.

*In testimony whereof, witness my hand this the  
25th day of July 2023*



Attest:

*[Signature]*

Becky Landrum, County Clerk

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Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge

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Mark Hutchins, Commissioner Precinct 1

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Phillip Martin, Commissioner Precinct 3

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David Monroe, Commissioner Precinct 2

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Steven Harrison, Commissioner Precinct 4